

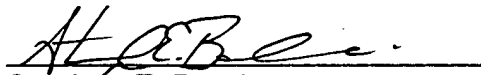
**REMARKS**

The present Amendment is submitted for the sole purpose of canceling claims 2 through 11. A new set of claims for consideration will be forthcoming in an additional Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should any additional information be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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